

## Shelton athletes enjoy productive year

The 2005- 2006 school year at Shelton State was marked by many impressive athletic accomplishments. This year Shelton



Kiah Brown was named Male Athlete of the Year and Sarah Sutton Female Athlete of the Year for the Shelton State Buccaneers.



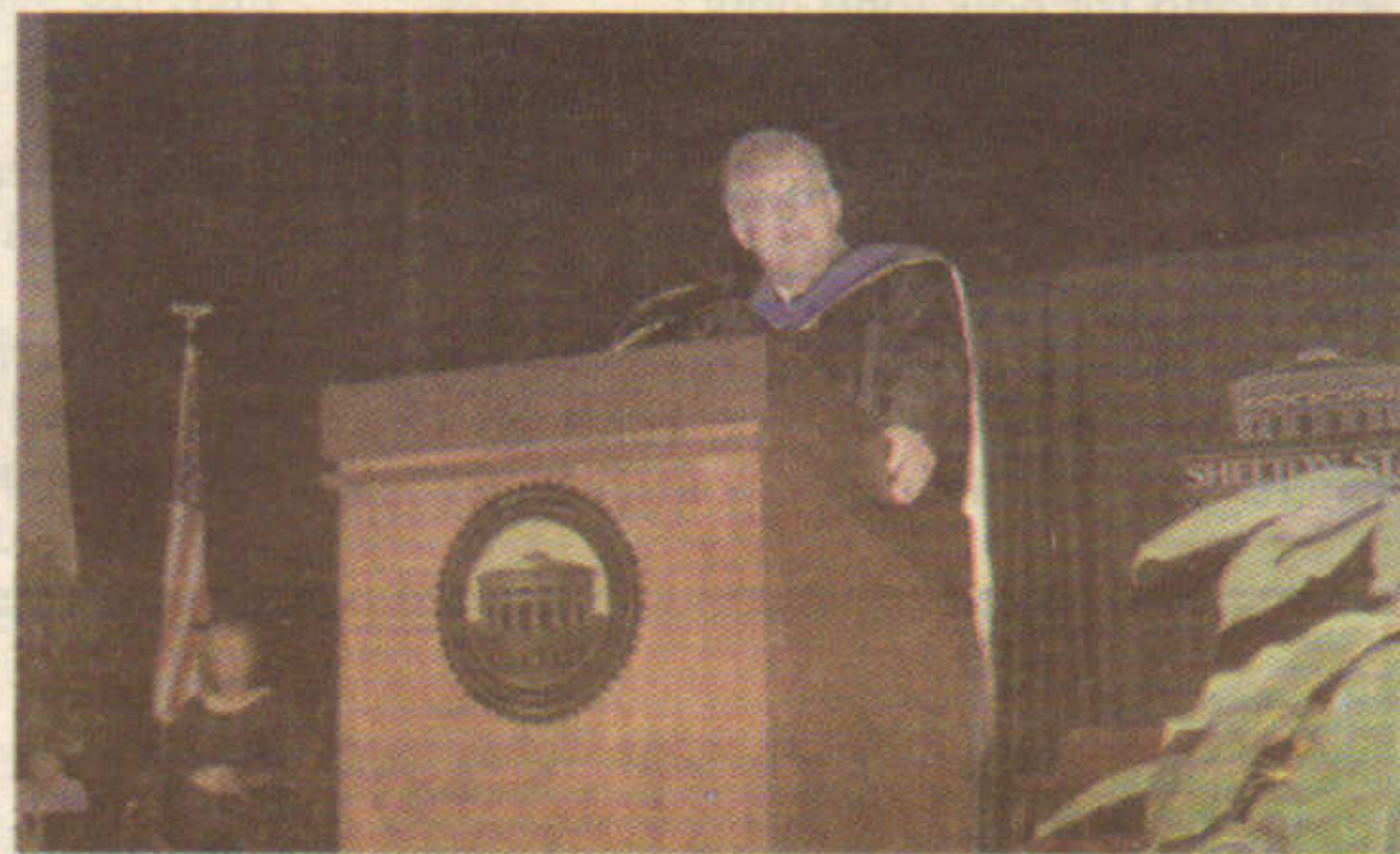
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## Fredd's Facelift



President Rick Rogers, Alabama School Board Chairwoman Sandra Hall Ray and Special Assistant Dr. Cordell Wynn bathe in the glow of best wishes during the unveiling of the new-look Fredd administration building.

## Graduation caps school year ceremonies



Former Shelton dean Arthur Howington, the spring semester commencement speaker, urged the graduates to meet America's challenges head-on.

Concerts, recitals, Honors Day, Graduation. Late April and early May on the Martin campus of Shelton State are filled with small occasions and grand ceremonies marking the official end of the school year. Nowadays, many students just take off a week and plunge into another semester—and ditto for the faculty. But still, there is

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## New front, renovation parts of ongoing project

Dr. Cordell Wynn was excited on Thursday, May 4—naturally enough. After all, that day was the materialization of his fondest wish: to see the new-look Fredd campus administration building on line and fitting in so well with the Shelton State architecture of the Martin campus.



The Shelton logo is a prominent feature in the rotunda of the newly remodeled Fredd administration building.

The re-shaping of the administration building, along with the renovation of the "cafetorium" in 2003 and the opening of the Unity Center in 2004 are all part of the plan of Shelton President Dr. Rick Rogers to make the Fredd

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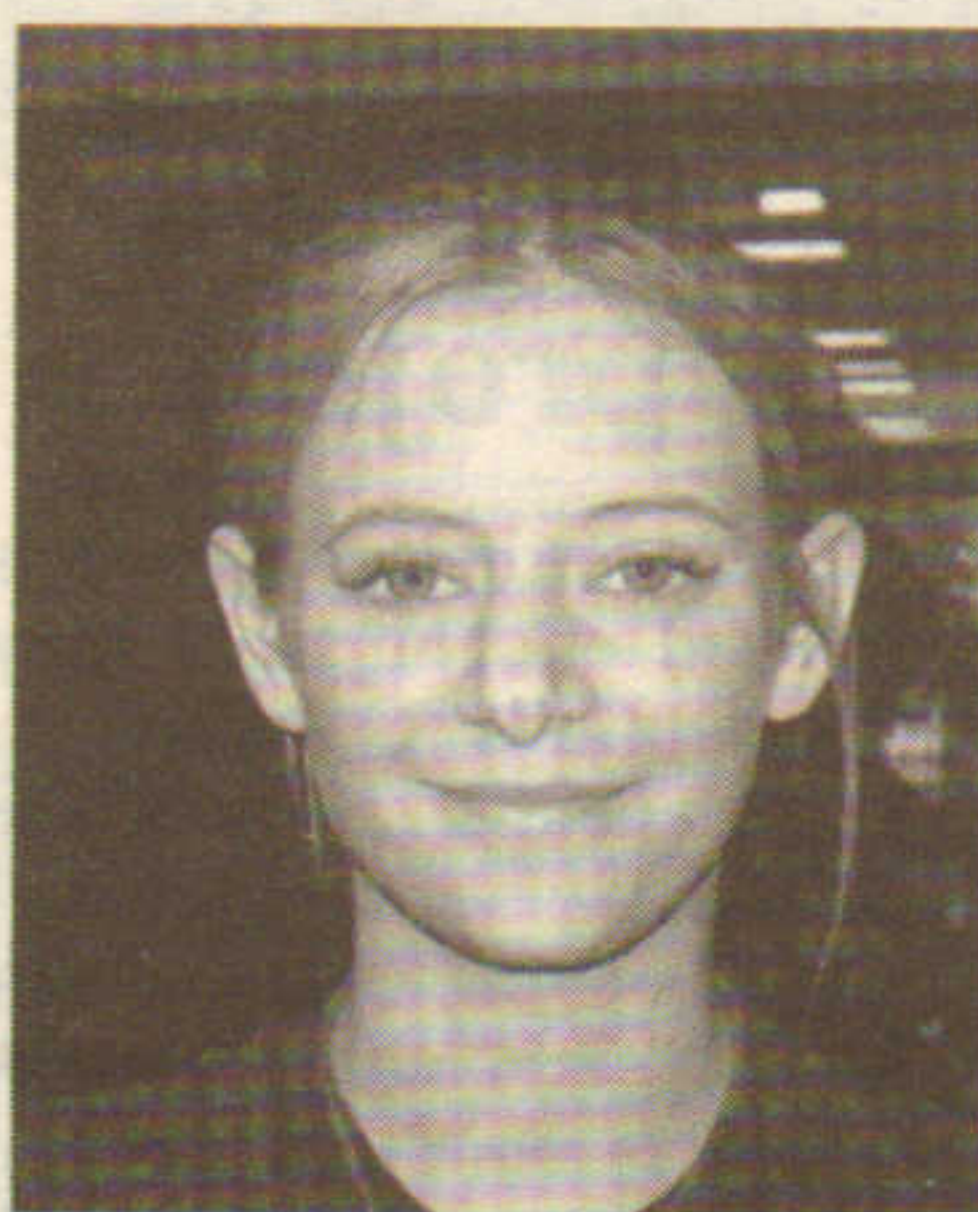




**FRESH EYES**

**Things to do by  
Hali Black**

## The T-town Basics



Summer has just blossomed. Most students are just starting to relax, happy to be free of books for a whole season. Others, like me, have decided to keep fighting the good fight and take on summer classes.

I'm new to Tuscaloosa. Coming from a small town, I was anxious to see what Tuscaloosa had to offer for summer fun. Even though most of my sunny days shall be spent studying, we all deserve some fun in the sun after the monsters our professors call "finals."

I discovered Tuscaloosa has a lot to offer in the fun department. For a country girl, the list seems endless, but I've narrowed it down to these must-see attractions or activities.

First, for everyone concerned with keeping in shape or interested in having a swimsuit body, the Shelton State Wellness Center offers a wide variety of fitness classes. Weight training, slimnastics, aerobics, kick boxing, and general conditioning are just a few of the classes offered to help keep or kick you in shape.

Second, for the outdoorsy types or anyone interested in reconnecting with nature, Lake Lurleen State Park offers a whopping 1,600 acres of recreational area. A short ten minute drive down Hwy. 82

from downtown Tuscaloosa, Lake Lurleen has a wide range of activities such as camping, hiking, swimming, and my personal favorite, fishing.

Next, for those who are new to the town, like me, and those whom I consider the uninitiated locals of Tuscaloosa, the Paul W. Bryant Museum is a must-see attraction. Displays such as a reconstruction of Bryant's original coaching office can be found here. You can't claim to be a diehard Bama football fan if you've never set foot inside this place.

Then, for everyone who's like me and believes a good book is the key to ultimate relaxation, the Shelton State Library offers a wide variety of best sellers. Check one out and save some bucks on a summer read.

For the movie fanatics and anyone who enjoys a good show, I suggest the Bama Theater downtown, the oldest operating theater in Tuscaloosa. With its twinkling, star-lit ceiling, the Bama specializes in the showing of classics such as the recent Silver Screen Series. Go, if you have any opportunity—no matter what's playing.

For live entertainment, Theatre Tuscaloosa is performing *Hello Dolly*, the famous musical. It will be fully staged in Shelton's Bean-Brown Theatre June 16 through the 25.

With so much to do and so much fun, get out and try one of my fun-guaranteed attractions.

Next issue I'll get down to the nitty-gritty of specific coming attractions, but for now, think of the tried and true and have some fun—no matter what else you have to do this summer.

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Henri Chamerie**

## An Interview with Melanoma

Folks, recently I got to interview someone very close to all of us. His name is Melanoma. This summer, he'll be going on a world-wide tour, except for Alaska. He took some time out of his busy schedule to talk to me about his plans.

**Henri:** Hi, Melanoma, and what an honor it is to meet you.

**Melanoma:** Thanks Henri, you know, so many people are afraid to talk to me.

**Henri:** And why is that?

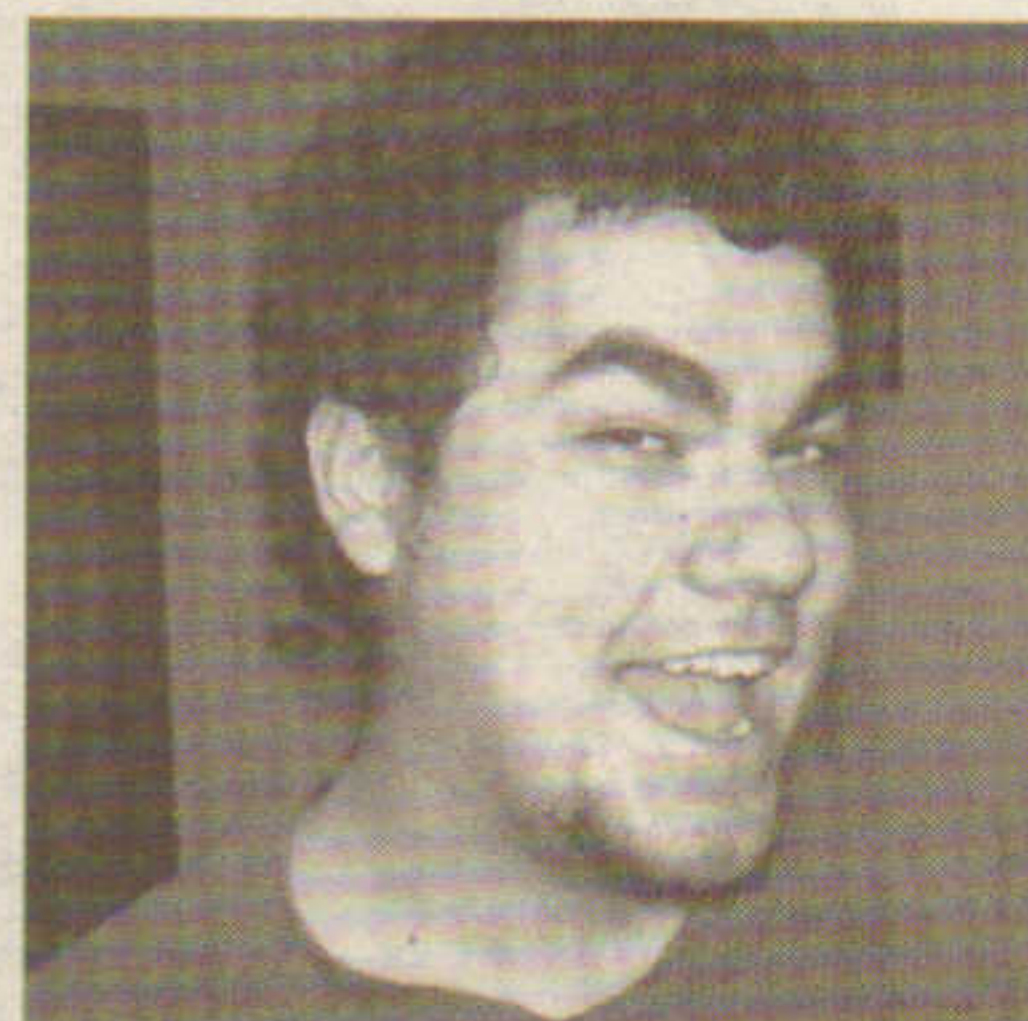
**Melanoma:** Well, you know, being skin cancer, I can't say I've made too many friends.

**Henri:** That's a bummer.

**Melanoma:** I know, I know. I mean, I try to meet interesting, new people all the time. The hole in the ozone layer has really helped me with that; but you know, I've become so removed from others after a while.

**Henri:** But you've been the talk of the medical world for how long now?

**Melanoma:** Over twenty five years! Before that hole really got big, I mean, I was known in a few circles...but now, I'm on every beach, every sidewalk, every street corner! People talk about me everywhere. In the papers, on T.V...You can't go anywhere without hearing about me. By all



accounts, I should be a well liked kind of guy...but, I'm not.

**Henri:** You mean, like Donald Trump?

**Melanoma:** Exactly.

**Henri:** So what do you plan on doing this summer?

**Melanoma:** Traveling mostly. Tanning booths, beaches, swimming pools, the desert, the works. Anywhere the sun is, I'll be there.

**Henri:** Sort of like that movie *Endless Summer*?

**Melanoma:** I never saw that one.

**Henri:** Oh, it was great. It's a documentary about these guys who travel all over the world, chasing summer and surfing. You should check it out.

**Melanoma:** I'll put it on my Net Flix!

**Henri:** Awesome. Well...do you have anything to say to the readers before you go?

**Melanoma:** Don't wear sunscreen this summer! Be sure to be outside as much as possible! And, oh yeah, don't wear sunscreen!

**Henri:** Great. Thank you, Melanoma. Have a, err, good summer...

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## Fredd from Page 1

The school was first known as Tuscaloosa State Trade School; ten years later it was designated Tuscaloosa State Technical College when it was authorized to

After struggling for a number of years, Fredd State was merged with Shelton State in 1994.

When Wynn retired from Stillman College across town and accepted Rogers's invitation to head up the revitalization of Fredd, this was the day they both were pointing toward. So it was no wonder Wynn and Rogers were the two smiling the broadest during the dedication festivities.

Some two to three-hundred friends of the college were gathered under the tent for this historic day. Among those honored were Fredd State employees who had renovated rooms in the administration building named in their honor.

Those honored included Mrs. Louise Boyd Louis, who served in many capacities at Fredd State from 1971-2000. In 1997 she was named assistant director of the campus. Also honored was Ronnie Rose, who served as business manager of the school under all three of its presidents. And finally, Yvonne W. Rodgers, who served 30 years as an instructor, was also honored.

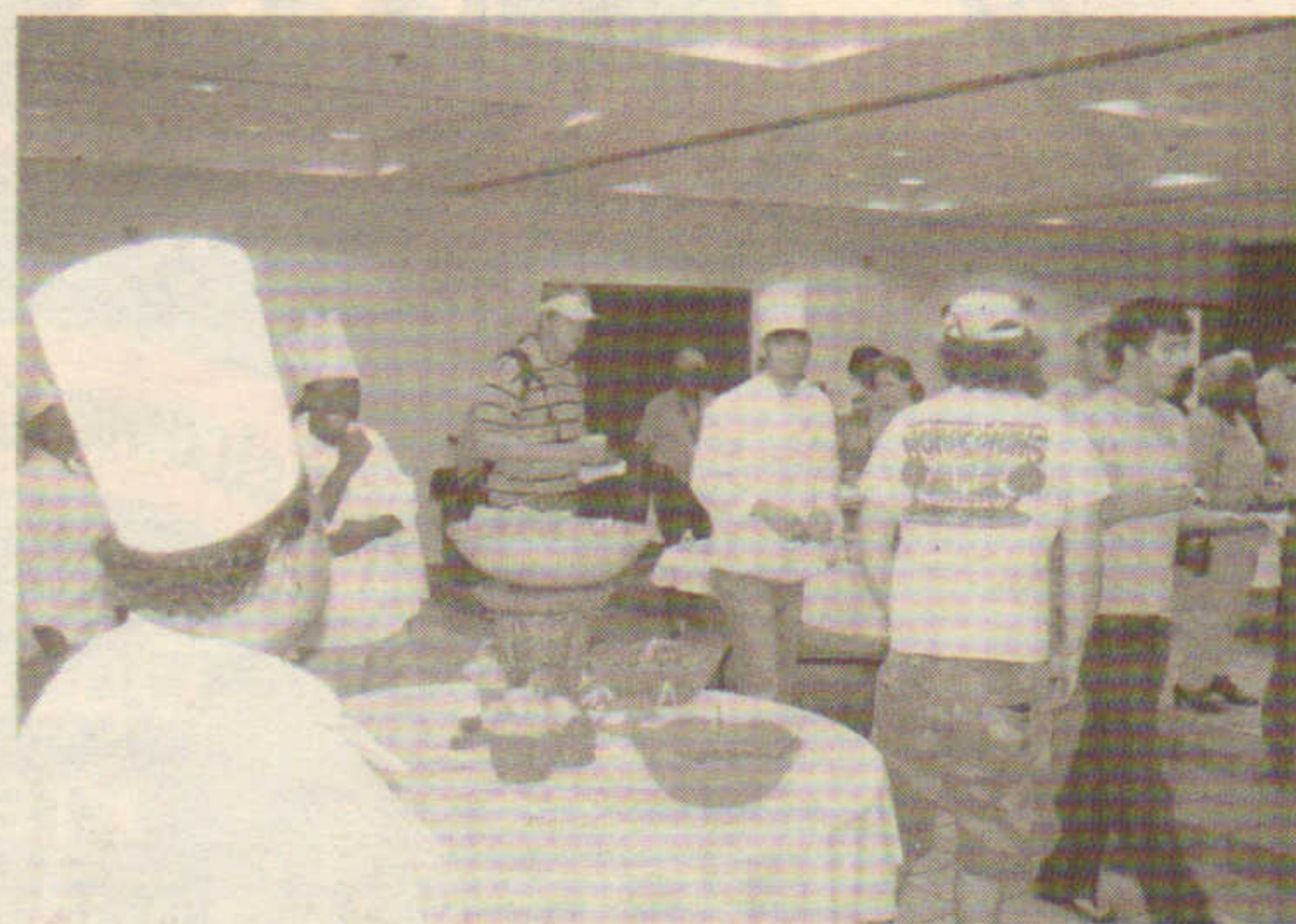
grant associate degrees. Honoring its first president, it was renamed C.A. Fredd State in 1976, and in 1987 it was recognized as an HCBU institution, a historically black college or university.



With the couple of hundred supporters in attendance, Dr. Cornell Wynn was a hit emceeing the festivities on May 4 at the Fredd Campus of Shelton State. Wynn urged all citizens of West Alabama to come by the new campus to see its new look.

campus as attractive and inviting as possible. In many ways this latest event is the culmination of efforts begun in 1965 when the campus first took on students.

## Culinary program still cookin' after founding chef's departure



Shelton State Culinary program students displayed their wares in the food court of the Martin campus.

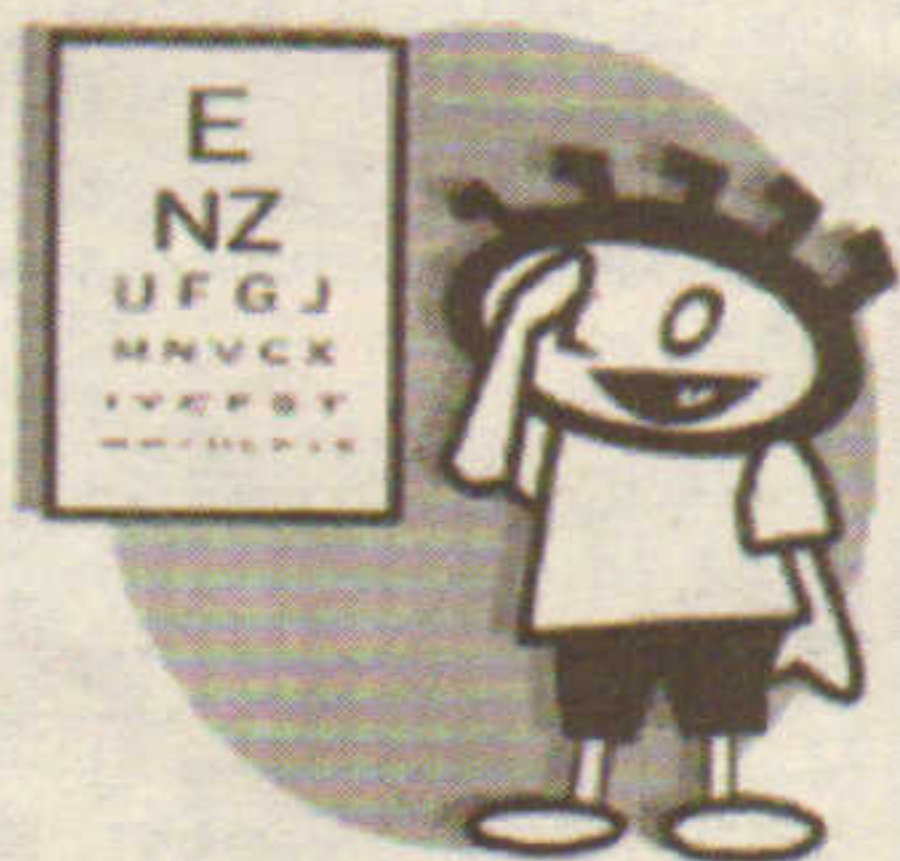
The college administration has committed to the continuation and strengthening of its two-year-old culinary arts program, even after the departure of its founding chef, Neil Ravenna.

Ravenna, according to student sources, plans to teach some courses part-time this fall. However, he will be employed full-time at Miss Melissa's in Moundville. In the meantime, the college has report-

edly hired two new instructors to service the necessary classes for degree students. The first class of culinary certificate students is scheduled to graduate this summer.

The culinary arts program requires 75 semester hours for graduation. Students take such interesting classes as Fundamentals of Restaurant Operations, Culinary French, Foundations of Baking, and Menu Design.

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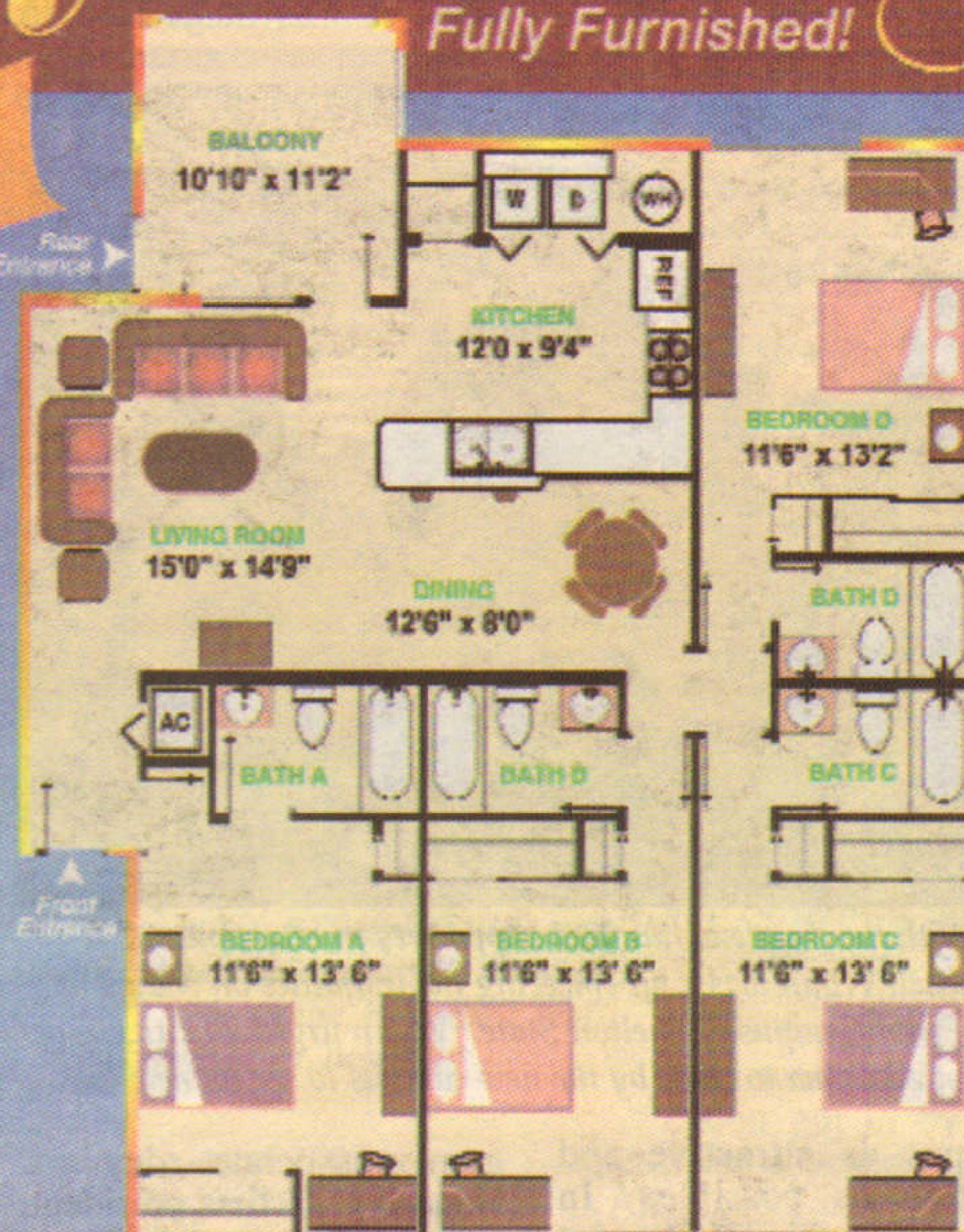
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# Shel-Shots



Patriotism was on display at the Shelton State commencement ceremonies as hundreds of parents and friends of graduates proudly recited the Pledge of Allegiance in unison.



Students in Mary Caesar's two culinary arts classes fed an invited audience for their final exam. The classes were baking and garde manger.



Taking the cake at their signing ceremony were Amelia Toole (L) and Melody Hudson (R). Toole signed with Tennessee-Martin and Hudson with Marshall. Coaches Chris Sanford and Madonna Thompson beamed with pride.



The Buccaneer soccer squad won the team community service trophy this year by accumulating the most points through activities such as visiting schools and nursing homes and involvement in other community-minded projects.



Circle K, as part of their service project for the year, treated Shelton faculty and staff to a lunch-hour picnic.



Perhaps a new tradition was established after May graduation ceremonies when scores of students gathered at the college chimes to have their pictures taken.





## News from Phi Theta Kappa

### 88th International PTK Convention held in Seattle, Washington

The Emerald City is no longer the home of the great and powerful Wizard of Oz, it is now the home of the

and scholastic achievements and attended educational forums to learn about the new honor's topic, the new



Shelton State Phi Theta Kappa representatives enjoy themselves at the 88th International Convention in Seattle, Wash. The participants heard speeches by ABC News personality Cokie Roberts, among many others.

88th International Convention of Phi Theta Kappa. From April 20-22, Seattle, Washington welcomed more than 3,400 Phi Theta Kappa members and advisors from all parts of the globe at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center to celebrate their accomplishments throughout the past year. Motivational speakers such as Cokie Roberts, political analyst for ABC News and Senior News Analyst for National Public Radio; Mirta Ojito, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist; and Dr. Madeleine Albright, the United States's first female Secretary of State were present to aid in the celebration of achievement. During the three days members and advisors attended four general sessions honoring members for their service

international service project, and ways to improve local chapters. Between sessions, members explored the exciting city that is Seattle, with activities such as The Pike Place Market (fish market), the Space Needle, and tours of the harbor and city streets. The culmination of the convention was the Hallmark Awards Banquet and Farewell dance, a formal, yet fun experience to share with everyone on their last night in the Emerald City.

Attending the convention from Shelton State were officers Courtney Williamson, John Sturdivant, Katie Garrett, Kristin Nicholson, Ashley Melton, and Greg Dike, and advisors Claire Brock and Julia Speights.

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students were able to witness their peers win championships, move on to four year universities, and a player was even drafted into Major League Baseball.

The Buccaneer baseball team finished the season at 36-14. Pitcher Jared Bradford, an LSU signee, led the Bucs into the ACCC Tournament after they finished a close second to Southern Union in their division. In the first round against Lurleen B. Wallace, Shelton blew a four-run, fifth-inning lead, due in no small part to six errors, and dropped the game 6-4, falling into the loser's bracket. The Bucs then earned victories against Chattahoochee Valley, Calhoun and Central Alabama before ultimately falling out of the tournament with a loss to Southern Union.

Five Shelton State players earned post season honors for their performance. Robert Phares was taken in

the 24th round by the Red Sox; Clay Jones, a Shelton State signee was selected in the 36th round by the Brewers. Phares plans to remain at Shelton for his sophomore year and explore his college options. The team seems eager to prepare and build on their past suc-

NJCAA tournament, finishing 11th overall on the season. Two players from the Bucs' starting lineup are moving on to four year colleges next year. Melody Hudson (guard) will be going to Marshall and Amelia Toole (forward) is going to Tennessee - Martin.

The Shelton State men's team experienced coach Barry Mohun's 200th win on its way to its second straight conference title. The team, however, fell one victory shy of a trip to the NJCAA tourney this year.

When it was all said and done, the Shelton State athletic teams fared very well this year, earning post-season berths and seeing their best and brightest move on to the next levels. As always, Shelton is very proud of the hard work and dedication put in by the



The student-athletes with the highest grade point averages from their respective sports were recognized during the annual Sports Banquet. They are (L-R) Sarah Sutton, softball; Heather Allen, soccer; Brooke Atchison, dance team; Kiah Brown, basketball; and Blake Harper, baseball.

cess for a good 2007 season.

In basketball, this year the women's and men's teams both did exceptionally well. Both squads earned ACCC championships. The Lady Bucs made second trip to the

athletes and coaches.

All players and coaches are grateful to the fans who came out all year long to support the teams and they look forward to increased support next season.



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something ageless and pleasantly formal to the feeling of these final days.

The spring of 2006 once again saw the atrium and the



Courtney B. Williamson received the Allen Award from Registrar Byron Abston.

Umphrey Center filled with family and friends marking the accomplishments of Shelton students.

Just as in the last few years, the college followed the practice of awarding Honors Day medals to all the students singled out on Sunday, April 30. That means roughly 300 students proudly wore the brass

medallion around their necks and were recognized either individually or as a group.

Group recognition went to the 2005-06 Ambassadors, the leadership organization whose members serve as hosts for college events; to the members of the academic honorary Phi Theta Kappa; and to students earning semester 4.0 gpa's: the President's List. Also recognized were the officers and/or outstanding members of Circle K, the Shelton State Courier and the Association of Nursing



Leah Ann Sexton was named Alumnus of the Year by President Rick Rogers.

Students.

Academic awards went to students in programs ranging from associate

degree nursing to wellness and in technical programs from air conditioning to welding.



Elizabeth Truelove was presented the Harold James Award by Abston.

The Alumni Association once again bestowed its venerable Louise Pruett Memorial Scholarship, and that was followed by the naming of some 18 students receiving Shelton Foundation Scholarships and then a number of students who earned transfer scholarships.

After naming Leah Ann Sexton the Shelton State alumnus of the year, Honors Day moved on to naming its top awardees of the year: the College Awards. The I.W. Mitchell Award, named after the former Fredd president,

goes to the outstanding technical student of the year; the recipient was Robin E.A. Petty. The Norman C. Cephus Special Achievement Award from the Fredd campus is named for another former Fredd president; Clytee Lachelle Drake was the recipient. The Dr. Thomas E. Umphrey Outstanding Freshman award, named



Laura Leigh Meherg was given the Umphrey Award by Abston.

after the former Shelton president, went to Laura Leigh Meherg. The Harold I. James Outstanding Technical Student Award, named after the 25-year



Robin E. A. Petty received the I. W. Mitchell Award from Abston.

president of the original Shelton State Technical College, went to Elizabeth Truelove. The prestigious Allen Award, named after former U.S. Senator James B. Allen, went to Courtney Brooke Williamson.

The highest award the college gives each year is the Dr. Leo Sumner

Outstanding Sophomore Student Award, named after the former Shelton president. This year's recipient was Jessica Lynne Murray.

Commencement exercises on May 10 saw 53 certificates awarded, and 116 associate in applied science



Jessica Lynne Murray was given the Leo Sumner Award by Jenny Ryan

degrees, 30 associate in science degrees, and 7 associate in arts degrees awarded.

The May graduation Commencement speaker, Dr. Arthur Howington, presented a loftier and more challenging message than usual.

Citing specifically the challenges of globalization, terrorism and environmental degradation facing students going forward to their careers, he exhorted them to meet the difficulties head-on and to not concern themselves with only a job and the mundane.



Clytee Lachelle Drake was given the Cephus Award by Abston.

Turn to page 8 for a photo of this year's Todd Award winners including new categories of recipients.



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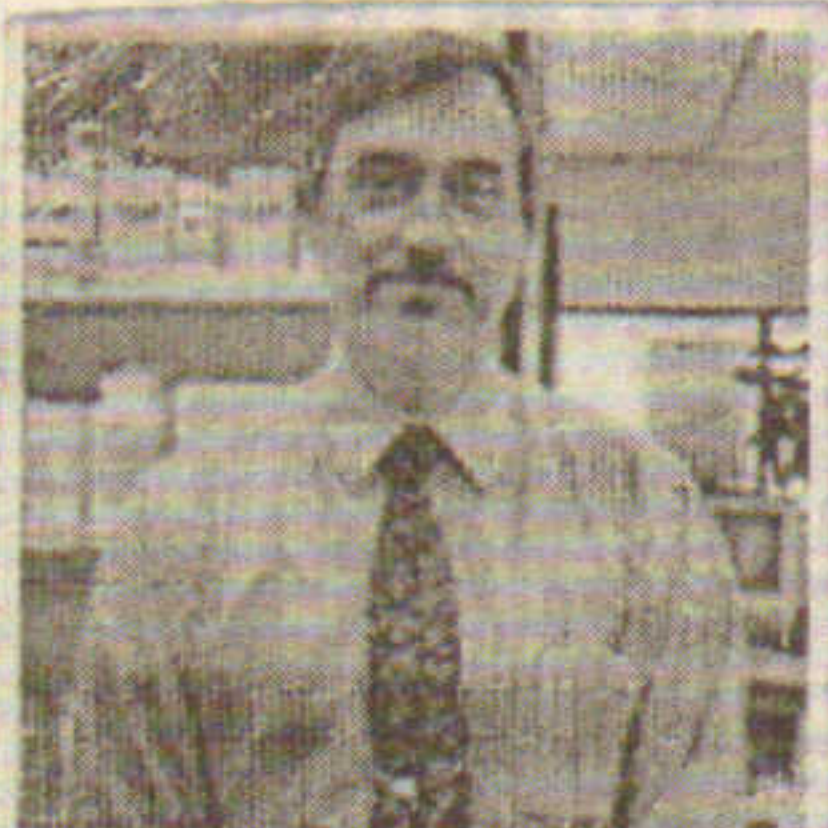
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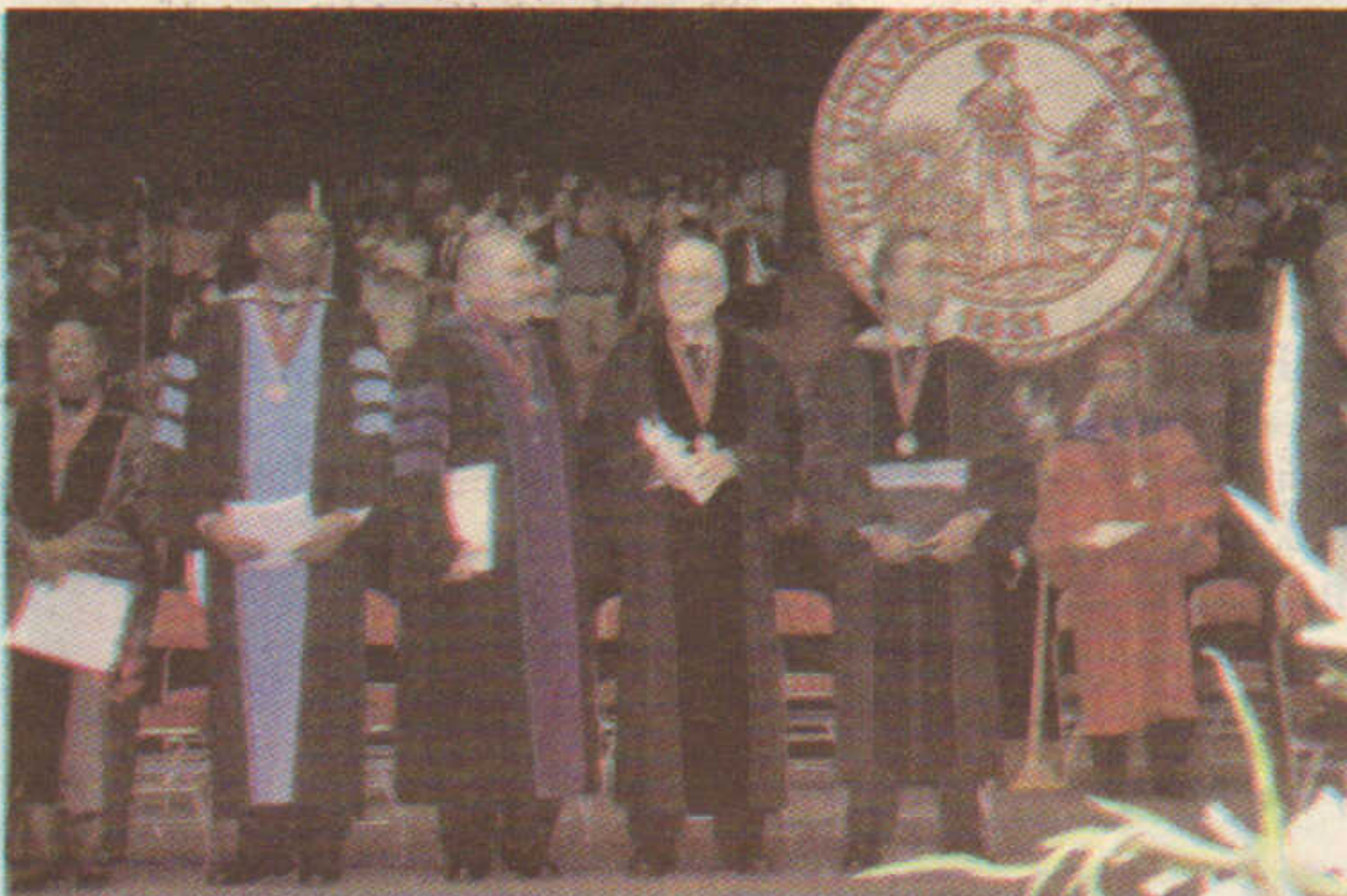
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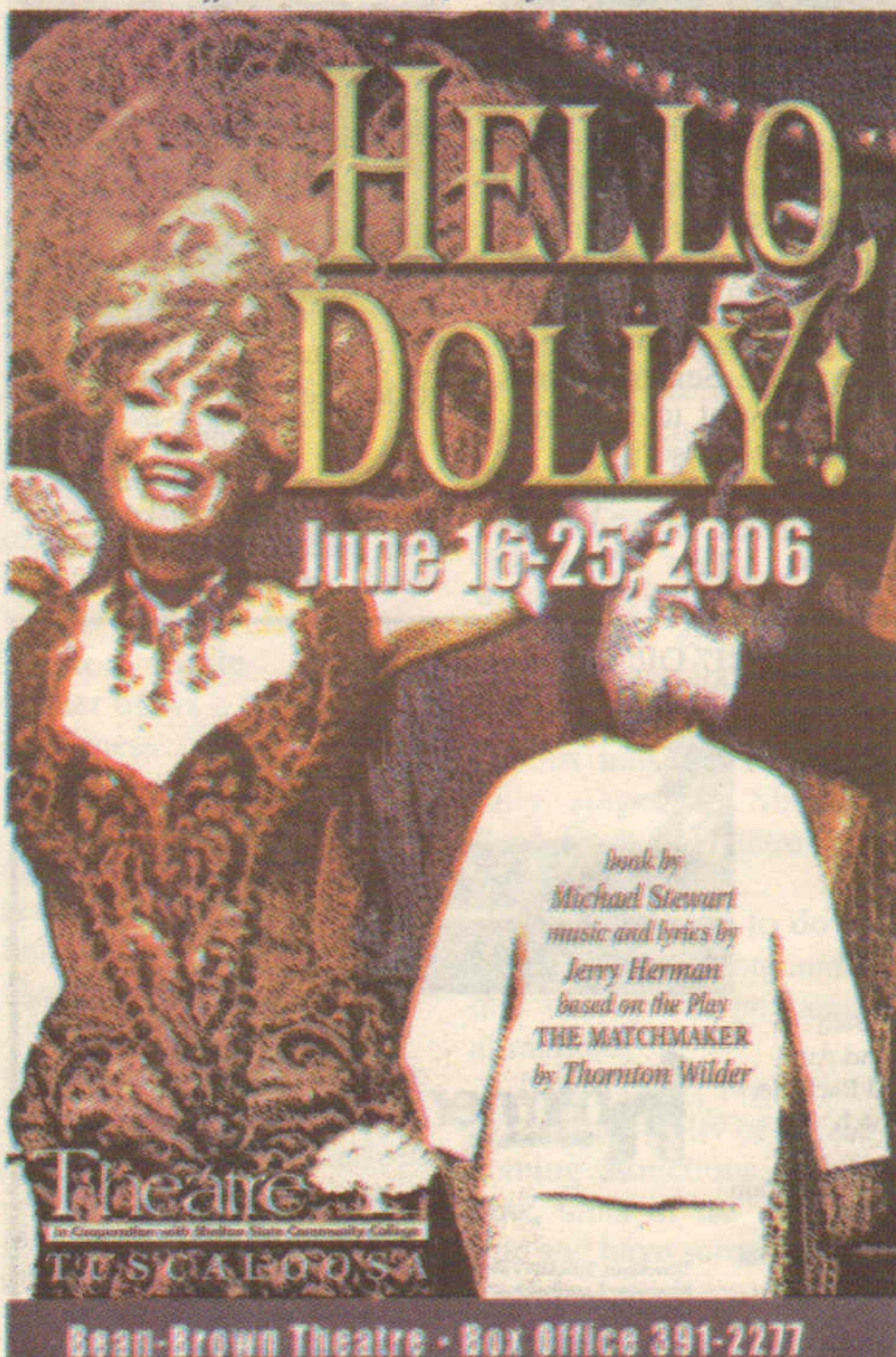




Dr. John L. Blackburn (C), featured in the Courier a few issues ago for his role in bringing Secretary Condoleezza Rice to Tuscaloosa, was given the singular honor of presenting the commencement address at the University of Alabama this May. He was also awarded an honorary doctor of Humane Letters degree.



Shelton recognized a new set of Dr. and Mrs. John M. Todd III Award winners this year, beyond the traditional teaching one. On hand to recognize excellence at the college were (L-R) Lois Griffin, teaching; Dr. and Mrs. Todd; President Rick Rogers; Polly Pouvey, support staff; Karen van Luvender, administrative staff; and William Quimby, technical teacher.



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